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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, August 4, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 9**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: **will be closed**;

Salmon Bay: **normal markers**.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: **normal markers**;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point, to Hour Point, along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield, to the southern end of Liesnoi Island, to the southern end of Greys Island, to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough, to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island, to the northern end of Coney Island, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

Kunk Creek: **normal markers**.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet Mesh Size Restriction: from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, south of the latitude of Circle Point (from the marker at approximately 58°07.76' N. latitude), gillnets must have a minimum mesh size of six inches.

Section 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7**.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7**, in the waters of Lynn Canal with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 4, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7**, with the following restriction:

Endicott River: Section 15-C will be closed within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of **Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude**, north to a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman.

Section 15-C: The Boat Harbor THA will be open until further notice **from 12:01 p.m., Sunday August 4**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of **Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude** and south to a point 2.4 miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3913.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 31 (July 28 through August 3)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 1, 2013

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Days	
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
Section 1-B	40	5,000	4,000	140,000	15,000	164,040	50	5
District 6	150	3,500	8,000	80,000	12,000	103,650	41	4
District 8	100	600	1,500	21,000	25,000	48,200	50	4
District 11	20	18,000	3,000	40,000	20,000	81,020	75	4
District 15	40	16,500	100	12,200	24,200	53,040	88	4
Deep Inlet THA	28	50	100	5,300	6,700	12,178	23	2
Total	378	43,650	16,700	298,500	102,900	462,128	327	

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	1	100	80	2,800	300	3,281
District 6	4	85	195	1,951	293	2,528
District 8	2	12	30	420	500	964
District 11	0	240	40	533	267	1,080
District 15	0	188	1	139	275	603
Deep Inlet THA	1	2	4	230	291	529

Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 8,500 king salmon and 34,000 chum salmon.

Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 65,000 chum salmon.

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